

HB 595 -- REPORTING OF ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT

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This bill requires every public institution of higher education to have a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies that clearly delineates responsibilities regarding certain sexual crimes in which a student has allegedly been a victim or that allegedly occurred on institution property. The memorandum of understanding must include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A requirement that institution staff members must provide known information regarding the alleged crime to the relevant local law enforcement agency;
- (2) Protocols for investigations, including standards of notification, communication, and measures to promote evidence preservation and delineation of investigative responsibilities;
- (3) Agreed upon training and requirements for the institution on issues related to sexual violence; and
- (4) A method of sharing information about specific crimes, if directed by the victim, and a method of sharing crime details anonymously in order to better protect overall campus safety.